



It's been a hot week and extra appreciation goes out to those of you that are working in the field having to endure the heat wave. Please pass along my appreciation to those that don't receive emails that are working outdoors. The heatwave has sparked numerous wildfires across our state, in addition to rolling blackouts. Members of the Fire Department are currently serving on strike teams outside the County. Stay

safe, healthy, and cool this weekend!

Employee Recognition

At this week's City Council meeting, the City Council honored Carlos Castillo, Recreation Leader II, from Community Services. This spring, Carlos was awarded the "Most Valuable Part-Time Person" Award by the California Parks and Recreation Society District 12 (SD and Imperial Counties). Carlos was given the award because of his can-do attitude, work ethic, and his work on helping develop the National City Guide Newsletter. Congratulations to Carlos on his award, and his contributions to the Community Services Department.

Together, We Plan

The City has a number of planning efforts currently underway, including the year long process of updating the General Plan. As part of that process, we will be administering a survey to solicit public input (in English and Spanish) and holding a series of virtual meetings open to the public. To take the survey or register for an upcoming webinar, residents can visit our website [here](#). Here are the dates of the upcoming public webinars:

- Monday, August 24 from 1-2:30 pm
- Thursday, August 27 from 5-6:30 pm
- Saturday, August 29 from 9-10:30 am
- Wednesday, September 9 from 6-7:30pm in Spanish

The other planning process we are in the middle of is the 24th St Transit Oriented Development Overlay (TODO) Plan. The TODO encompasses the area around the 24th Street Transit Center, from Plaza Boulevard to SR-54 and I-5 to Highland Avenue. The project team has created a website at www.24thstreettodo.com that has additional information for the public. Thank you to Community Development and Housing for leading these efforts that will have lasting impact on the way we live and work in National City.

School Supply Giveaway

The National City Police Department helped distribute school supplies to over 700 National City students today at Otis Elementary School and tomorrow will distribute supplies to another 700 students from Rancho de la Nacion Elementary School. This

annual event is made possible through the partnership of the police department, National City School District and the National City Police and Fire Foundation, who raise funds each year to support this event. School supplies included a customized face mask with an embroidered school mascot (provided by San Diego Aircraft Interiors – A local National City business), pencils, pens, notebooks, day planners, pencil boxes and other assorted supplies needed while the children study from home. Another great example of our [7 C's](#) in action.

Together We Can! - Police Dispatch Team



The National City Police Department Communications Center provides dispatch services to our community 24/7, backing-up our police officers in the field. Regardless of the situation, they are reliably there to assist people in time of emergency, calm their nerves and secure the information needed to effectively dispatch resources quickly. Recently, the National City Police Department Communications Center received a state of the art technology and work station upgrade. NCPD Dispatchers are truly “The Angels of the Airwaves!” Pictured below are Marie Browder, Senior Police Dispatcher, and Dispatchers Ruben Vasquez, Yelma Lopez and Silvia Ibarra. The Communication Center Team also includes Police Support Services Manager Amber Lashbrook, Senior Police Dispatcher Maelihini Adamos, and Dispatchers Denise Barahura, Emma Cabatu, Amanda Cruz, Selena Durrant, Rebecca Jones, Steve Moss, and Audrey Reese.